



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
August 30, 2021**

Meeting Location

Holbrook Park

Present: Board: Donny Chillstrom (Chair), Suzanne Caswell, Tony David, and Thomas Joyce

Others Present: Public Works Director: Sean Diercks; and City Council Liaison: Gina Joyce

Absent: Board: Alicia Larson (with prior notice)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Caswell, seconded by David, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Joyce, seconded by David, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

Review of Holbrook Park Facilities

The Park Board conducted a brief review of Holbrook Park facilities. In general, facilities were found to be in working order. Exploration of additional "doggie-doo" receptacles was recognized to be an especially outstanding need for folks that are walking their dog in the park. Public Works Director Diercks mentioned that the cost of the receptacles was relatively low, and that the original "doggie-doo" receptacles in other locations were donated by a local agency. Diercks indicated he would investigate options for additional receptacles.

Discuss Holiday Tree Lighting at Holbrook Park

The Park Board discussed the feasibility of a tree-lighting event. Ideas surrounding a food truck, hot cocoa, cider, fire pits, etc. were brought up. It was acknowledged that the Park Board does not have the ability to sponsor or pay for such an event, but local community groups (e.g. Orono Lions Club, Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, etc.) would be able to do so. Next step includes Donny Chillstrom exploring sponsorship interest through the Orono Lions Club, and Board member Joyce will reach out to the Chamber of Commerce (via Chamber Board member Marty Schneider) regarding sponsorship interest. Chillstrom and Joyce will follow up at the next Park Board meeting.

Discuss Recommendation to City Council for Priority 2022 Park and/or Trail Maintenance or Improvements

The completion of the Holbrook Park trail surfaced as a priority item for future consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

Three Rivers Park District – Proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Board member David brought up the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Planning Update from the Three Rivers Park District, asking for any recent updates. City Council Liaison Gina Joyce reported that after a few presentations to City Council there are still no formal actions required and there is not a go-forward decision at this

point. Park Board members Chillstrom, Caswell, and Joyce acknowledged that several community members had expressed negative feedback regarding Three Rivers Park District's DLRT proposal, which involves claiming the pre-existing pedestrian sidewalk along Wayzata Boulevard W (running through the City of Long Lake) as a regional trail. After some discussion, the Park Board quorum came to the following conclusion:

A motion was made by Joyce, seconded by David, to conclude that the Park Board recommends the City Council refrains from further engagement regarding the Three Rivers Park District Diamond Lake Regional Trail Proposal given the negative feedback received from local community members. Ayes: all.

Event Stage – Nelson Lakeside Park

The Park Board was made aware that the event stage project for Nelson Lakeside Park received proper funding to proceed towards construction. As such, the Park Board made the following motion:

A motion was made by Caswell, seconded by David, to recommend that the City Council proceed with the current approved plans for an event stage in Nelson Lakeside Park, as proposed by the Long Lake Chamber of Commerce. Ayes: all.

Establish Next Park Board Meeting Date and Agenda Business

A motion was made by Joyce, seconded by David, to schedule the next Park Board meeting to be held Monday, September 27 at 5:30 pm at Hardin Park. Ayes: all.

Adjourn:

Hearing no objection, Chair Chillstrom adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Joyce, Park Board Secretary